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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the document attached hereto. Pursuant to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, OG Notice 05 August 2003, applicants have excluded the one (1) U.S. patent document from the attachment. All documents are to be made of record in the above-identified case. A listing of said documents on forms SB/08A and SB/08B are also attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the Request for Continued Examination. If a filing fee is required, authorization to charge applicants' deposit account can be found in the attached Transmittal Letter.

This Statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Other than Non-Patent Literature Documents Cite No. 1, the documents contained in this Statement were cited in the Opposition in the European Patent Office to corresponding European Patent Publication No. 10093401 (Application No. 99931716.7).

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

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